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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our organization serves nutritious free meals as part of the federally funded Summer Food Service Program for Children (SFSP). Children are defined by the SFSP as being 18 years of age and under or persons over 18 who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled. In order to be eligible for these federal funds, we must document the number of enrolled children with household incomes less than or equal to the SFSP family size/income guidelines. With your cooperation, we can qualify for federal reimbursement and keep costs to you at a minimum. Please complete and return this form.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

**FOOD STAMP/FIP/FDPIR HOUSEHOLDS:** Write the children's names, the Food Stamp, FIP, or FDPIR case numbers for those children, and the signature of an adult household member on the application. If your child(ren) is a member(s) of a Food Stamp, FDPIR, or FIP household, the child(ren) is automatically eligible to receive free meals. If Food Stamp, FIP or FDPIR case numbers are provided, they may be used to verify the current certification for whom free meal benefits are claimed.

**FOSTER CHILD:** Write the foster child's name, his/her personal income, and the signature of an adult on the application.

**ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS:** The application must have the children's names and the names of all household members. List the amount of income each person received last month with the source of each person's income (example: pay, Social Security, etc.). The signature and the Social Security number of the person completing the application must be included (or the word "none" if that adult does not have a Social Security number).

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

**Privacy Act Information: Social Security Number**

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Sincerely,

See reverse for Income Chart and Application Instructions.

**Application Instructions:**

Your children may qualify for free summer meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$18,130	\$1,511	\$756	\$698	\$349
2	\$24,420	\$2,035	\$1,018	\$940	\$470
3	\$30,710	\$2,560	\$1,280	\$1,182	\$591
4	\$37,000	\$3,084	\$1,542	\$1,424	\$712
5	\$43,290	\$3,608	\$1,804	\$1,665	\$833
6	\$49,580	\$4,132	\$2,066	\$1,907	\$954
7	\$55,870	\$4,656	\$2,328	\$2,149	\$1,075
8	\$62,160	\$5,180	\$2,590	\$2,391	\$1,196
Each additional person:	6290*	525*	263*	242*	121*

**If your entire household gets Food Stamps, FIP, or FDPIR, follow these instructions:**

Part 1: Skip this part.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: List child(ren)'s name, school, grade, check "Yes," and list a case number.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign and date the form. A Social Security number is not necessary.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose to.

**If you are applying for a homeless, migrant, or runaway child check the appropriate box and contact your Homeless Liaison or Migrant Coordinator. Fill out application by following instructions for ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS.****If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:**

Part 1: Check the box and list the child's personal use monthly income, if any.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: **Use a separate application for each foster child.** List the child's name, school, and grade.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign and date the form. A Social Security number is not necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose to.

**ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:**

Part 1: Skip this part.

Part 2: Check the appropriate box, if any.

Part 3: List each child's name, school, and grade.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

**Column 1- Name:**

- List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relative, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.

**Column 2- Gross Income:**

- Next to each person's first and last name list each type of income received last month. Next to the amount write how often the person got it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly).
  - Earning from work:* List the gross income each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. **Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions.** Net income should **ONLY** be reported for self-owned business, farm, or rental income.
  - All other income:* List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, and alimony in the second column. List the amount each person got last month from pensions, retirement, and Social Security in the third column. List All Other Income sources in the fourth column. All Other Income includes Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME.
  - If the person does not have any income check the last box "Check if no income."

Part 5: An adult household member must sign and date the form, and list a **Social Security Number**, or check the box "I do not have a Social Security Number."

Part 6: Skip this part.

Part 7: Answer this question if you choose to.

**Family Application for Free Summer Meals**

**Part 1- Foster Child** ☐ **YES** Child's spending money per month \$\_\_\_\_\_. If none available, list \$0.

**Part 2- Homeless** ☐ **Migrant** ☐ **Runaway** ☐

If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call the:  
District/School Homeless Liaison or Migrant Coordinator at\_\_\_\_\_.

**Part 3- Participating Children (Use a separate application for each foster child)**

Child's Name	Does your child receive Food Stamps/FIP/FDPIR? If "YES," you must list a case number.*	
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES _____

\*Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Only Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers, you must complete Part 4.

If you listed a Food Stamp/FIP/FDPIR case number for EACH child, skip to Part 5.

**Part 4- Total Household Gross Income-You must tell us how much and how often it is received.**

Gross Income- Example: \$100/month, \$100/twice a month, \$100/every 2 weeks, \$100/week

1- Name (List everyone in household)	2- Gross Income				
	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	All other income	Check if NO income
1	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
2	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
3	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
4	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
5	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
6	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
7	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
8	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	\$_____/_____	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

**Part 5 - Signature and Social Security Number (Adult household member must sign.)**

If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must list his or her Social Security Number or check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.)

*I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my child may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.*

**\*SIGN HERE: X\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Adult Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_** ☐ **I do not have a Social Security Number**

Address	City	Zip Code	County
Home Phone	Work Phone		

**Do not fill out this part. This is for school use only.**

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12			
Household Size: _____	Total Gross Income: \$ _____	Week _____, Every 2 Weeks _____, Twice a Month _____, Month _____, Annual _____	
Foster Child: _____	Categorical Eligibility: _____	Eligibility: Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____	
Temporary Free _____	Time Period: _____ (expires after _____ days)		
Reason for Denial: _____	Income too High _____ Incomplete Application _____ Other (specify) _____		
Determining Official's Signature: _____	Date: _____	Date Withdrawn: _____	

**Part 6- Foster Children** In most cases foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of your household income.

Foster Home License Number: \_\_\_\_\_(optional)

\_\_\_\_A. The welfare agency or court is legally responsible for the child and the foster home is, in fact, an extension of the welfare agency or court.

\_\_\_\_B. The child is a resident of a licensed "Group Foster" home or a residential institution.

**\*\*Only the foster child's spending money is counted as income on this application. Do not include money from occasional or part-time jobs like paper routes and babysitting. If you have any questions, please contact the school.**

**Part 7- Child's Racial/Ethnic Identity (Optional)**

Check one or more racial identities:

\_\_\_\_American Indian or Alaskan Native

\_\_\_\_Black or African American

\_\_\_\_Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

\_\_\_\_Asian

\_\_\_\_White

\_\_\_\_Other

Check one ethnic identity:

\_\_\_\_Hispanic or Latino

\_\_\_\_Neither Hispanic nor Latino

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